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REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and the following remarks are submitted in response to the Office Action mailed August 9, 2005 in connection with the above-identified application and are being filed within the three-month shortened statutory period set for a response by the Office Action.

Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-21, 23-27, 29-38, 40-45, 47-51, 53-60, 62, 63, 65-67, and 69-72 remain pending in the present application. Independent claims 1, 14, 21, 25, 38, 45, 49, 60, 63, and 67 have been amended in response to a section 112 rejection. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added to the application by the Amendment.

The Examiner has rejected the claims under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph. Applicants respectfully traverse the §112, second paragraph rejection.

According to the Examiner, the independent claims are deficient in that the term "license" should instead be - - digital license - - for purposes of proper antecedent basis. Accordingly, Applicants have amended the independent claims to recite - - digital license - - as appropriate. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the §112, second paragraph rejection.

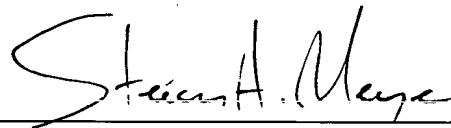
The Examiner notes in the Office Action that other than the § 112, second paragraph rejection, the claims and the application are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, in view of the foregoing amendment and discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application including claims 1-3, 5-14,

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16-21, 23-27, 29-38, 40-45, 47-51, 53-60, 62, 63, 65-67, and 69-72 is now in fact in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Steven H. Meyer", written over a horizontal line.

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